

SLAYER JUST FAILS IN TOMBS GETAWAY

**Ricky Harrison's Foot Slips
as He Gains Top of
Jail Wall.**

LATER SENTENCED TO DIE

How Prisoner Who Escaped Once Before Reached Yard Puzzles Sheriff.

Ricky Harrison, the murderer who escaped from the Tombs last October and fled five days, tried it again yesterday morning, and almost succeeded.

According to his own story, he had slipped to the top of the jail wall when his foot slipped and he fell back to the yard. Keepers found him hiding behind a flour barrel in the bread house. One of his hips was bruised, and he limped when he was taken to the hospital. Before Justice Weeks in the Supreme Court was sentenced to die at Sing Sing in the week beginning March 10, Sheriff Knott personally in five hours later he tied up the murderer and took him to Sing Sing and saw the door of the death house close behind him.

Vanished in Exercise Period.

Harrison, whose first name is Richard, was in a cell of the first tier above the ground floor of the Tombs. At 7:30 o'clock he was let out into a corridor for exercise. He disappeared, and the others were returned to their cells. Harrison was not in sight. The alarm bell was sounded, Deputy Warden Brennan called the police detectives and keepers swarmed all over the place.

Warden Hanley, who had not reached the prison when the excitement started, says his investigation shows that as

Lafayette street side saw him, and that the murderer, looking for a hiding place, ran into the yard. The two keepers locked the door through which he had entered and then entering the building through another door found Harrison squatting behind four barrels.

The Warden said that before Harrison reached the yard the keepers found on the ground a blanket torn into three strips. The official theory was that Harrison had thrown the blanket from a window and intended to use it as a ladder for getting over the wall, which is twelve feet high.

Refuses to Explain Feat.

How the man was able to reach the yard will be made the subject of a report from the prison physician, who is now making an examination of Harrison's condition. He had first to pass through an iron gate, then past

down the stairs and past other trustees, and two to the superintendent's office. They were then questioned by the superintendent. They asked, "Am I later how all this was accomplished."

"I got clear up to the top of the wall," he said. "Then my foot slipped and I fell. I was not hurt, but I was not able to climb inside instead of out. Sorry to have caused you so much trouble, Sheriff, but really I had not expected to see you again."

If his story is true, he climbed the wall and tumbled off before the keeper, who later caught him knew he was in the yard. A reporter asked him how he got out.

"Oh," he said, "I'm not going to tell all about that. Ask the Warden. He'll make a report."

He was found guilty of first degree murder last week. He and four other men shot up the Krickenbocker Walters Club, 787 Sixth avenue, Septem-

On October 4, while awaiting trial, Harrison got away from the Tombs by jumping from the seventh tier to a roof and then scaling the prison wall. He was captured in Newark, October 16. He was convicted of murder on the testimony of the child, Kid, who had disappeared from the Waverley Home last Wednesday night.

OLD GUARD CATERERS.

Famous Organization Holds 22d Annual Reception.

The oldest military organization in the world—the Old Guard Veteran, Battalion of the City of New York—held its annual reception and ball at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. The celebration was held in the ball room, where there were more different kinds of military uniforms on display than have ever been collected under one roof before. The guests were the wives and members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, the Faneuil Phalanx of Hartford, the Louisiana Guard of New Orleans, the 1st National Lancers of Boston and Louisiana.

Port Hamilton, was there with his wife and two children, and a man named with MacGregor, Harry, and William, Jr. A. as the extinguishing officer.

The Old Guard held its first annual convention and ball in the Grand Avenue Hotel in 1869. It was a direct blood descendant of the Light Guard, once the Tompkins Blues, organized in 1826, then the City Guard, formed in 1857.

LIVELY FIRE IN 5TH AVENUE

Tenants of No. 607 Suffer Heavy Damage—Two Injured.

Fire at 607 Fifth avenue, near Fifth street, early to-day nearly cost John Anderson, a shoe caretaker, and Sophie his wife, their lives. Their home was so badly damaged by the fire that they were obliged to leave it. As it was, the Andersons were taken to the hospital, where they were treated. The fire started in the kitchen of the building.

At 1:30 o'clock the flames burst through the windows on every floor. The actual destruction occupied the ground floor. The Misses Hill, dealers in interior furnishings, and Miss Engelhart, boxes and brocades, occupied upper floors.

PALESTINE FUND UP \$368.00.

Campaign for Restoration Reaches Almost \$1,500,000.

The Palestine Restoration Fund reached a total of almost \$1,500,000 yesterday with the addition of a large subscription.

At Cleveland, Ohio, raised \$250,000 at the sum and Newark, N. J., \$200,000.

A Zionist demonstration will take place this evening at the Waldorf Astoria, 125 East Eighty-sixth street, which will be addressed by Joseph A. Ronsavsky, Morris Rosenfeld, Samuel Roubinoff and a German member of Palestine. Proposals for being made for special proposals.

Sunday, February 9, appointing the Palestine Restoration Fund.

Doctor Spender Sent to Jail

Dr. Herman Spender, 214 E. Fifty-first street, Brooklyn, arrested yesterday, charged with operating an amusement park across Manhattan Bay, was confined to ten days in the city prison at Marine Police. According to the arrested